

Remarks

Claims 1 – 26 are cancelled and claims 30 – 34 are withdrawn in the application. Claims 27 – 29 and 35-40 are now pending. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

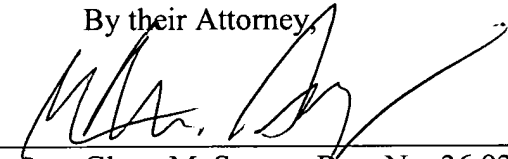
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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